

# **Ethics for the Journey**

## **Exploring foundational teachings for faith-based health care**

### **Ethical Issues Around Care at the End of Life – Session III**

#### Questions/Reflections

1. With advancing technology came the concern of stretching out the dying process. Knowing the wishes of the individual became the key criteria in complex decision-making. What is your experience with the use of Advance Care Directives? Are they becoming more prevalent in our hospitals and extended care homes?
2. With treatment becoming more ‘self-directed’ proper information regarding all available options is critical. How would you score your workplace for providing good information?
3. In the world of ethics, terminology is key in defining and articulating treatment and patient wishes. Do you encounter terms that are in need of clarity or redefining?
4. For the Sue Rodriguez case, the right to assisted suicide was very controversial, coming very close to the concept that ending a life is a part of caregiving. What are your thoughts?
5. What are your experiences with accommodating medical treatment with religious preferences?